

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

The Individual Artist Fellowships program recognizes exemplary achievements by originating artists in their fields of endeavor and supports the contributions made by Nebraska artists to the quality of life in this state. This is a competitive program, where applicants are adjudicated according to the merit of his or her work. This is not a project grant. In other words, applicants do not make a submission to the fellowship program in order to receive money for a project that is planned or is in the works. Rather, it is designed to award outstanding achievement in work that has already been completed.

Categories

The fellowship program rotates between three major categories of artistic achievement: literature, performing arts and visual arts. The disciplines included in each category are:

Literature

✓ fiction ✓ non-fiction ✓ poetry

Performing Arts

✓ choreography ✓ composition
✓ playwriting ✓ interdisciplinary performance

Visual Arts

✓ drawing ✓ mixed media ✓ painting
✓ photography ✓ printmaking ✓ textiles
✓ ceramics ✓ glass ✓ installation
✓ mixed media ✓ traditional sculpture mediums

Eligibility

- 18 years old or older and resident of the state of Nebraska for two years prior to the application date. A signed & notarized affidavit of residency is required to be on file at the NAC offices – to find out if one is on file, call the NAC offices: 595-2122; 1-800-341-4067. Forms can be downloaded from the NAC web site.
- Not enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or certificate-granting program in the artistic field in which the application is being made.
- Professional commitment to the artistic field in which the application is being made.
- Creator of work, not interpreter of the work of others.
- All previous fellowship winners.
- Only one application per person is eligible for review.

Deadline

November 15 of each year

Visit the NAC web site for specific category year. Applications must be submitted by midnight on the day of the deadline. Support materials must be postmarked the day of the deadline, or delivered to the Nebraska Arts Council office no later than 5:00 pm on that date.

Grant Amount

Dollar amounts are dependent on federal funds available. Visit the NAC web site for additional information on award amounts. Past awards have included Distinguished Achievement Awards of **\$5,000**, with the remaining money allocated into **\$1,000** to **\$2,000** Merit Awards.

Review Process

IAF applications will be reviewed by a panel of three jurors selected for their professional expertise in the artistic category under review. The panelists are not residents of Nebraska.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications are judged first and foremost on the quality of the work submitted, which includes innovation demonstrated by significant critical and aesthetic considerations explored through the art form.